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As Host Opposite Lyndon . . .

Stu's 'Do' Holds the Crowd

WHEN SENATORS Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Tex.) and Stuart Symington (D-Mo.) held simultaneous receptions yesterday for delegates to the 1960 Campaign Conference for Democratic Women, Symington held the crowd twice as long as Johnson.

An estimated 800 to 1000 women shook hands with the smiling, suntanned Senate Majority Leader in the Burgundy Room of the Shearton-Park Hotel while an estimated 1900 lined up in Exhibition Hall to say "hello" to Symington.

Sharing the honors with the Texas Senator were Mrs. Johnson, who arrived only 30 minutes early from Austin where she was feted last week at a Lady Bird Johnson Day rally; Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn who arrived an hour late—he explained he had attended a conference with Secretary of State Herter and Central Intelligence Director Allen Dulles on the American pilot shot down in Russia and accused of spying—and Senate Minority Whip Mike Mansfield, who attended the same conference, and House Minority Whip and Mrs. Carl Albert.

There was no one obviously handing out buttons for

Johnson but he had a few of his special brand—LBJ on a Texas hat—in his pocket which he gave out to some well-wishers.

He gave two to Mrs. Bruce Shafer of Georgia; one for herself and one for Georgia's Governor Ernest Vandiver.

Two Symington supporters slipped up from the Exhibition Hall where he was holding court to a crowd bedecked with Symington buttons and banners, to greet Johnson.

Ella B. Campbell, who said she was from "Harry Truman's home town," told Johnson "you're just about as good looking as Senator Symington."

In the receiving line with Symington who was beaming throughout the two hour reception were his son, Jim, and two daughters-in-law, Sylvia and Janey, all exuding charm; and the hostesses for the party, Rep. Leonor Sullivan (D-Mo.) and Mrs. Alben Barkley.

Sen. Symington explained that Mrs. Symington was in Florida with her mother, Mrs. Jackson H. Boyd, who is "gravely ill."

Janey Symington said her husband, Stuart, was campaigning in Wyoming. His

Republican boss let him go, she added with a big smile.

Jim Symington brought along his guitar to sing for the crowd but had difficulty getting away from the well-wishers to go to the checkroom for it. He had to send a Symington aide with the check to claim it.

But then he said he thought the crowd in the room was too large to hear him sing without a microphone and asked that he be allowed just to pose for pictures with the instrument instead.